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Obama did sign an emergency declaration for assistance to Texas... it actually does include Category B, emergency protective measures, including Direct Federal Assistance (which is the work we normally do)... it is at 75 % though, 25% state cost share...

Importantly, the State of Texas has to either ask for specific assistance through FEMA, or FEMA can issue a mission assignment directly to us for work they need to have us do...

This also allows the State of Texas to receive reimbursement from FEMA for emergency protective measures they conduct at 75 % also...

As of 1700 last night, FEMA had returned their RRCC to normal operations (not elevated)...

#### Federal Aid Programs for Emergency Declaration for Texas

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Following is a summary of key federal disaster aid programs that can be made available *as needed and warranted* under President Obama's emergency declaration issued for Texas.

#### **Assistance for the State and Affected Local Governments Can Include *as Required*:**

- FEMA is authorized to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures, authorized under Title V of the Stafford Act, to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in the designated areas.
- Specifically, FEMA is authorized to provide emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct Federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program at 75 percent Federal funding. (*Source: FEMA funded, state administered.*)

#### **How to Apply for Assistance:**

- Application procedures for commonwealth, tribal and local governments will be explained at a series of federal/state applicant briefings with locations to be announced in the affected area by officials. Approved projects are paid through the state from funding provided by FEMA and other participating federal agencies.

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